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Wines in the Press Spring 2024 *Mixed Half Dozen*

INTRODUCTION

These are just a few highlights from recent months to showcase our wines that have received plaudits in the press. Our sincere thanks go to all the journalists who have taken

the time to appraise these wines; our tasting notes, along with their reviews, are featured below. For more, please visit: www.tanners-wines.co.uk/pressmentions

THE WINES

1. Blauschiefer Riesling Trocken, Kerpen, Mosel 2022

Bin No: GW16822

Crisp, refreshing and so very moreish. The perfect entry to dry Mosel wines with delicate green apple and fresh lemon to finish. Delicious!

‘This is a gloriously zesty Mosel riesling with plenty of fresh green apple, a touch of spice and a long, satisfying finish.’
Will Lyons, *The Sunday Times*, 3rd December 2023

2. Castel Mimi Animaliens Viorica/Feteasca Alba 2022

Bin No: HW09422

Fresh and fragrant with hints of lemon on the palate together with pear, lime and lychee. Very appealing with good length of flavour.

‘This is only the second Moldovan wine to occupy the Wine of the Week slot and neither of the grape varieties has featured before. So, let’s welcome the coming together of Viorica and Fetească Alba in this fragrant, floral, breezy dry white.

To unpack it a bit more, the white Viorica (50% of the blend) is a Moldovan crossing of two red grape varieties...

Fetească Alba is also a white Moldovan variety, although there is more of it in neighbouring Romania. And like Viorica, it seems to be growing in popularity with the country’s more go-ahead wineries.

While it’s safe to say that Viorica must be responsible for at least some of the wine’s distinctive, floral, slightly Muscat-like, lychee aromas and flavours, I can’t be sure which variety gives the citrus zest, the leafy-green freshness and the attractive slight chewiness. What matters is that they work well together.

Castel Mimi, the producer, is one of the country’s largest, but is still in the hands of descendants of its 1893 founder, Constantin Mimi, who was the last governor of Bessarabia and also an innovative winemaker who trained in Montpellier.

The Animaliens wines... are youthful, unoaked showcases for their grape varieties and are designed to be drunk young. I can also recommend the light red blend of Pinot Noir, Saperavi and Rara Neagra that Tanners has.

The Viorica Fetească Alba is a perfect fit as an aperitif, but also goes very well with avocado salads (mind the dressing isn’t too sharp) and with saffron: try a saffron risotto, or seafood, white fish, chicken or pasta with saffron. You could also pair it with dim sum or sushi. 13%.’

Joanna Simon, *WINE OF THE WEEK* on JoannaSimon.com, 8th February 2024

3. Whispering Angel, Côtes de Provence Rosé 2022

Bin No: FP90222

An intensely flavoured rosé with elegant aromatics and soft, round, seductive fruits on the palate. A wonderful freshness in a rosé that showcases the best that Provence produces.

‘Pale Provence Rosé, with rose petal, citrus and red fruit nose and balanced, rounded palate... When Sacha Lichine bought Château d’Esclans in 2006 – in the heart of Provence – his vision was to create the greatest rosé in the world. Garrus may well tick that box, and Whispering Angel is now the UK’s leading Provence Rosé, according to the team at Château d’Esclans. This wine is a blend of free-run juices and pressed juices. This versatile wine can be paired with all foods of love, from Mediterranean to Asian.’

Sharon Walters, *Shropshire Star*, 27th January 2024

4. Tanners Douro Red 2020

Bin No: PR00520

Lovely juicy black fruit character with herbs and peppery hints on the palate. Plenty of depth, complete and easy. A fine example of what the Douro can do.

‘Fantastic value red - all joyous juicy fruit - from the heart of port country.’

Jonathan Ray, *The Field*, March 2024

5. Sancerre Rouge, Domaine Arnaud et Stéphanie Dezat 2021

Bin No: LR01621

This delicate red has lovely sweet fruit and undergoes judicious oak ageing. It is made from the Pinot Noir grape. The wine has an elegant, almost floral character on the nose. The palate is fresh and has lovely raspberry fruit.

‘Pinot noir? Red Sancerre is growing ever-more convincing and pinot grown in this spot in the Loire has a distinctive and very attractive personality. Arnaud & Stéphanie Dezat Sancerre Rouge 2021 is a very good one to try.’

Victoria Moore, *The Telegraph*, 15th December 2023 (Article: [The superior, splash-out Christmas wines that really are worth your money](#))

‘We know Sancerre better for its Sauvignon Blanc grapes, but there’s quite a bit of Pinot Noir here, too. This is an elegant wine brimming with juicy cherry, strawberry and raspberry fruit. It has pleasant freshness, a mineral twist, and is so sophisticated.’

Jamie Goode, *Sunday Express*, 24th December 2023

‘This Loire Valley pinot noir imparts lovely, sweet floral aromatics and a robust blast of sappy red fruit.’

Will Lyons, *The Times*, 24th January 2024

6. Brachetto d’Acqui, “Braidà” 2022

Bin No: IR08822

Beautiful, lower in alcohol (5.5% alc) and lightly fizzy. This semi-sparkling and very sweet red is incredibly moreish and has become something of a cult wine to customers and staff! Filled with strawberry and redcurrant fruits.


‘Sweet-toothed fans of bubbles will enjoy Bologna’s fun, fizzy, luscious, raspberry-scented, semi-sparkling 5.5 per cent red 2022 Brachetto d’Acqui... with a hefty 130-140g of residual sugar per litre, but utterly delicious.’

Jane McQuitty, *The Times*, 27th January 2024

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